

The Orange Peel

2024-2025 | President Catrina Womack | "Together We Thrive"

Next Meeting Friday, Sep 13, 2024

Speaker - Jeannine Sparks, Rotary Youth Exchange

Greeters - Mike Mckibbin and Dennis Sarkisian

Invocation - Kirk Camunez

Vocation - Johnathan Spangler

Prospector - Audrey Smith Wiberg

The Four-Way Test

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to All Concerned?

Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

A Book and A Smile



Speaker Chair **Brad Squires** introduced children's book author **Terri Dorow**. She is a retired elementary school teacher and principal. She is also a volunteer for California

CASA , the Court Appointed Special Advocate for Children.

Before Terri talked about her writing, Brad asked her to talk about her work with CASA because a recent speaker was from CASA. Terri was glad to talk about her volunteering with CASA since 2020 when she received extensive training for helping foster youth. She has helped five young people who have open cases with the court. They usually involve the parents such as domestic violence cases where the child is removed from a dangerous situation. Terri sees the child weekly and takes them on outings such as to a park. She works with the Placer County CASA.

Recap of the Meeting Aug 23, 2024

Guests

Terri Dorow - speaker

Paul and Roman Kellner
from Grocery Outlet

Derick - Deanna's partner

District 5180 Governor
Steve Turner
2024-2025

The 2024-2025 Rotary
International presidential
theme is "The Magic of
Rotary"

Terri's passion is books and children. She retired in 2016 and because she loved reading books to children, she decided to try her hand at writing books for children.

Terri taught in the Los Angeles area and early in her career, she taught a lot of the Vietnamese boat people's children. She also taught a lot of hispanic children and other immigrant children. She didn't speak Vietnamese for example, so how was she going to get through to them. Picture books turned out to be a fabulous tool.

Terri has written four books and they are beautifully illustrated. She didn't illustrate them but she has a wonderful illustrator that she collaborates with to create the books.

The first book is called "**Just Lo**" and it's a book about a new student who is bullied and how he advocates for himself. Terri opened up the book and read a couple of pages to the audience.

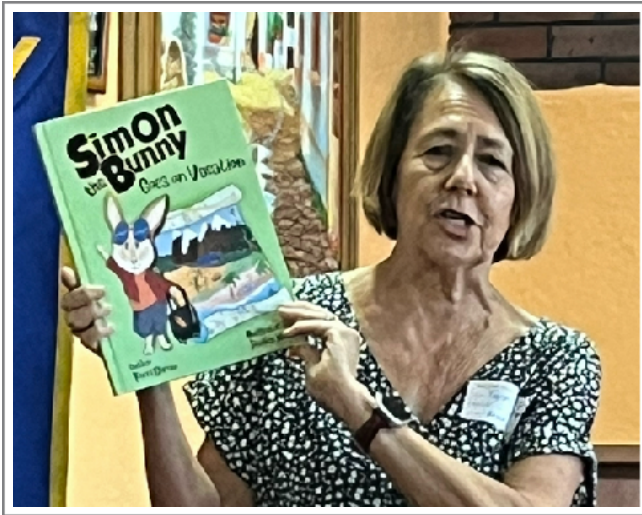
In the book Lo learns how to stand up for himself especially after he asks his mother about his name and where it comes from. He learns that Lo means Little One.



When Terri's granddaughter was age five, she adopted a bunny rabbit. That inspired Terri's next book which she named "**Simon The Bunny**". Terri opened the book and read from a couple of pages. Simon is living in a cage and he is lonely. He wants to live in a new home and Abby adopts him.

In the sequel, **“Simon the Bunny Goes on Vacation”**, the bunny wants to go on vacation but he is afraid of the places they visit, such as the beach. This book aims at social emotional learning.

Terri’s fourth book is an activity book that goes with the book. It contains activities such as coloring, word search drawing pictures of the places you want to vacation, etc.



For Terri, the writing part is easy. The challenge was finding an illustrator and figuring out how to publish her first book. Luckily the illustrator is also a publisher. It’s a print on demand publisher so she can order what she needs. Collaborating with the illustrator to fit the words to the picture and the pictures to the words has been rewarding. Terri also participates in author and writing groups to get feedback about her work.

The hard part is selling her books. To find her bunny vacation book, a person would have to search the internet for a book about a bunny who is scared.

Terri sells her books in person at craft fairs, holiday fairs, farmers markets and the FlowerFarm in Loomis. She has held reading sessions at Fairytale Town where she can market her books. (Did you know you have to bring a child with you in order to enter FairyTale Town?)

She sells her books individually (\$20) or in a package. For instance, for \$40, she sells a package with the Simon book, the activity book and a package of crayons.

Terri’s favorite place to share her books is at school assemblies. She tailors her reading and talks differently to 2nd and 3rd graders than to the 4th through 6th graders. She reads her books and then she talks about literacy. She takes the children through the writing process. It’s important and it helps the teachers.

Terri shows the students a photo of her in second grade and she tells them that she looked like them and she learned how to write. And she tells them that they can write too.

Terri shows the students what it is like to write a book for children. Her examples show mock ups of pages in the book with pictures and words. She shows the revisions and notes on the drafts. She is modeling for the students that it's ok to make changes.

For an exercise, she tells the student to think of a book with a title of "Simon Bunny Goes to School".

In one class she asked the students to help her write another story about Lo. They came up with a story about Lo moving to another place. Terri explained the importance of having a conflict in the story and how it would be resolved. The students enjoyed the process and came up with a title "Just Lo Again".

In another class, they worked on a Halloween story about Simon. He goes to a costume store and accidentally gets locked in overnight. The students loved figuring out the different ways that Simon could escape!



When a Rotarian asked Terri about a rewarding experience she has had with her books, she talked about selling her books on evening in downtown Roseville. Four children recognized her and came over to her. They remembered when she talked at their school. The mother explained that they read Terri's books every night before bed.

After her talk, President Catrina thanked Terri for speaking and presented her with a custom wooden pen made by Rotarian Bob Kurtz.

Announcements

President Cartrina Womack read off the upcoming events to put on your calendar:

Sept 20 - Orangevale Summer Nights

Sept 28 - Bow Wow Days - 9am - 1pm at the Orangevale Community Park

Sept 28 - A mini Service Day at the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank - morning

Sept 29 - Food Bank and Farm Open House - 4pm to 7pm

Oct 12 - Community Food Drive @ Divine Savior

Dave Shepherd has park passes for Black Miner Bar Park. It's time to clean our section of the American River Parkway. He has seven people signed up to work Saturday, Sept 7, 9am to 11am.

Dave passed around a flyer about the American River Foundation's Parkway clean-up on September 21st, 9am to 12pm. You will need to register for the event.

The club's grant request with the Rotary District was approved and the money will be used to build a concession stand for the American River Softball arena. In October there will be a cleanup of the Rotary House.

Dennis Sarkisian has people signed up to work at the Food Bank today, Sept 6th.

Deanna Maddock said that the first Crab Feed meeting went well. The committee members said that they need more help than they had last year. Rotarians working only two hours is not enough. This event is for the community and not the Rotarians. We all need to work at least five hour and on more than one committee. Pizza will be provided for the student workers and the Rotarians. Think about it.

Deanna passed around a clip board so that everyone can sign up to help. Here are the committees and their lead:

- Table setup and breakdown and cleanup - All Rotarians on Deck to Help
- Food and Servers - Jeff Valtman
- Bar Service - Catrina Womack
- Sponsorships - Dennis Sarkisian
- Raffle - Diana Newman
- Wristbands - Lorie Rheams
- Cake Dash cake pickup - Don Russell

- Cake Dash Setup - Don Russell
- Cake Dash envelopes and money counters - Don Russell
- Silent Auction - Item Hustlers
- Silent Auction - Set up Auction Items
- Live Auction - Spotters and Checkout
- Check In Table - Michelle Famstead
- Hors-Devours - Catherine
- Check Out Table - Steve Blair
- Tickets and seating - Russ Rheams
- Tech/OneCause - Brad Squires and Dave Shepherd
- Event Chair - Deanna Maddock

Deanna finished up by saying that she expects the Crab Feed to sell out in 24 hours.

Don Russell received a joke book from Catrina. He said that September 6th (today) is the national read-a-book day. He said that Brad was a genius for having an author as a speaker.

What color are all the books you read? They are RED!!

On September 10, the next Dine Around at California Fish. 5:30pm.

On September 28, 5:30pm, the Lobster Dinner will be held at Don Glover's home. His address is 7701 Greenridge Way, Fair Oaks.

Vocational Talk

Mike McKibbin counted up the jobs he has worked in lifetime and it added up to 48!! But he's not going to talk about any of his jobs.

Mike regrets that he never talked to his father about his jobs. Both of his parents graduated from Perdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. It was 1932 and the country was in the middle of a depression.

His father joined the Roosevelt administration and became a superintendent of CCC in Indiana. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was a program to help relieve the Great Depression by putting young men to work on conservation projects.

In Indiana, the CCC built the State Parks that the people of Indiana enjoy today - Spring Mill, Turkey Runs, Clifty Falls - to name a few. Mike is researching the work of the CCC and about his father's role in particular.

During the Great Depression, 40% of men were out of work. The CCC set up camps and brought in young men ages 18 to 25 years and put them to work building infrastructure for the parks and planting trees, lots of trees. The men earned \$30 per month and \$30 was sent home to their parents. The men learned a trade and the program ran from 1933 to 1941 when it was taken over by the Department of Forestry.

Mike wishes he had talk to his father and researched his work with the CCC. He believes his father helped to get 16 million trees planted at the Indiana parks. Mike remembers people visiting his father to talk about their time in the CCC camps.

Mike has hit some dead ends and can't find any records about his father's work. He listed the places he has searched on-line and held up a folder full of dead ends. He asked the club members for ideas of more places to search. He is planning a trip to Indiana so he can so some boots-on-the-ground research. In the meantime, if you have any ideas to help Mike's research please let him know.



Prospector

Audrey Smith-Wiberg is this month's prospector and she decided that she would have a quiz about President Catrina. She went table by table asking question and collecting dollars for the wrong answers.

Where was Catrina born? Montgomery, Alabama Who was her sponsor? Sue Frost She was a military brat. What branch of the military did her father serve in? Air Force. Where did she live as a little girl? A light house, a monastery or barracks.

Catrina lived in an old monastery that was converted into apartments and she remembers that her bedroom was large enough to ride her tricycle around in. At age five, what occupation did Katrina want? Nursing but decide after it because she doesn't like needles.

Happy fines:

- **Dave Shepherd** - \$50 to The Rotary Foundation to celebrate his retirement.
- **Mairy Droese** - the Winnebago RV that she and her husband own turned 4 years old today and it has a happy 49,000 miles on it!
- **Brad Squires** and his wife are celebrating their 21 year wedding anniversary.

The Orange Ball

Because **Mairy Droese** won the pot at the last meeting, she had to sell raffle tickets. She bought her ticket around the same time she was selling tickets to **Don Russell**. They sat together and she swapped tickets with Don because she thought she gave him the wrong tickets. Don



gave those tickets to **Terri Dorow**, the speaker. Terri's ticket was drawn and she got to go up to the front of the room. There were 10 balls in the basket and \$39 was the pot. Well, speakers luck! She pulled out the orange ball! Yeah! Guess who gets to sell tickets at the next meeting? Yup, it's Mairy.

The Thought for the Day

Striving for success without hard work, is like trying to harvest where you haven't planted.

Have Fun and Share Rotary!